



Southern California's Stake

For southern California, fixing the Bay-Delta means better drinking water quality and a more secure economy. How can that be? How can a region that makes up just 1 percent of California's land mass, that is nearly 300 miles north of the Tehachapi Mountains, affect water quality in Escondido, job growth in Gardena, or property values in Pomona? It can because the Bay-Delta supplies most of the water consumed by 16 million southern Californians and their \$450 billion economy. What precisely will the CALFED Bay-Delta Program do for southlanders?

Improve Water Supply Reliability

Whichever alternative solution is chosen, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will improve the way water moves through the Delta, the hub of California's water distribution system. Equally important, the Program will restore the Bay-Delta ecosystem, reducing constraints on the export of water to agricultural and urban areas. (Currently, when too many endangered-species fish approach the south Delta pumps, pumping temporarily shuts down to protect them. When the ecosystem returns to health, these unpredictable curtailments are expected to decline.) While the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will not solve all of California's water supply problems, it will help close the water supply gap, which is projected to be as high as 9 million acre feet in critically dry years by 2020. (An acre foot is 325,851 gallons.)

Protect Water Quality

The Program will reduce the release of pollutants into the Bay-Delta system, giving you cleaner, healthier water and helping communities to manage water treatment costs.

Protect California's Natural Resources

A lush, beautiful network of marshes, waterways, farms, and historic hamlets, the Bay-Delta is a critical environment for thousands of fish and wildlife, as well as for boaters, campers, fishermen, and others. Like Mount Shasta, the southern California beaches, and Yosemite, it is part of the rich natural heritage all Californians enjoy.

For further information on how you can participate in the effort to restore the environment and water management of the California Bay-Delta system, contact: CALFED, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, CA 95814 ph: (916) 657-2666 Fax: (916) 654-9780 Public Information

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